

REMARKS

Claims 4-15 remain pending in this application. Claims 4, 8, 12, 13, and 14 are now independent.

A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith overcoming the nonstatutory double patenting rejection.

All of the currently independent claims have been found allowable by the examiner. Each of the remaining claims now derive their dependency from one of these claims. Therefore, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests early allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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